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GROUND BROKEN

New recruit clothing building slated to be built aboard depot

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The depot and Western Recruiting Region's Commanding General Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. broke ground at the projected site of the new Recruit Clothing Issue Facility's new warehouse project located behind McDougal Hall, May 22.

The original plans for the warehouse were submitted in 1987 and were delayed due to funding issues. On June 20 last year, the finances needed were located and the warehouse became a reality.

The drill instructors and officers who are currently training the young men on the depot will be very grateful to get the new space to provide more for new Marines, said Brig. Gen. Paxton.

The new facility will provide a high-bay warehouse, four tailor alteration bays, phase lines for recruit clothing issue, staff administration offices and a drill instructor lounge.

"In the current metal warehouses some changing areas are outside making them inefficient," said Sharon Smith, head of plans and programs. "The buildings lack insulation and heating; we are basically moving out of the stone-age into the new era."

The old recruit issuing points will be used as storage units once the new warehouse is completed. Its projected completion date is April 1, 2007.



Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, breaks ground at the site of a new building scheduled to be built here. *Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron*



Marines spot female high school students during the sit-up portion of this year's National Youth Physical Fitness Championship May 19-20 here. *Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron*

High School students compete in physical fitness competition

BY LANCE CPL. DORIAN GARDNER
Chevron staff

High schools from as far away as New York gathered at the depot to compete in the 2006 National Youth Physical Fitness Championship May 19-20 here.

Students arrived May 17 and 18 for competition check-in. They were separated into four categories consisting of men's and women's teams, and A and B-teams. A-teams were primarily stronger competitors or upper-classmen. B-teams consisted of underclassmen and those new to the team. Women competed the first day and men the next.

The YPF winning championship team,

South Bronx High, of the nine high schools that participated, was chosen through superior performance in sit-ups, push-ups, pull-ups, sprints and the long jump.

The competition kicked off at 9 a.m. May 19. Before they competed, however, they received encouragement and a bit of inspiration from the chief of staff, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, Col. Mark Callihan. Pushing them to continue in efforts to remain strong and physically fit, Callihan let the games begin.

One by one, teams cycled through the course at the depot track field. While the

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ROCK 'N' ROLL MARATHON

June 4, 2006. 26.22 miles of San Diego terrain.

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

His life needed structure. The Corps provided it.

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Depot staff hits the links for annual golf tourney

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BRIEFS

San Diego Bulldog Detachment

The Marine Corps League San Diego Bulldog Detachment #835 is collecting money to help al-low families to stay close to their wounded warriors at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

As the war in Iraq continues, more troops are being sent to the hospital, and accordingly, the Bulldog Detachment is looking to increase its capacity to help.

For more information, call Richard A. Williams at (619) 615-5336 or e-mail him at sdrrich7777@aol.com

Lost and found

The Provost Marshal's Office Crime Prevention Unit has a large quantity of lost and found articles that have remained unclaimed for a period of more than 45 days. These items will be disposed of if the owners are not located. If you have recently misplaced any property, please contact Sgt. Shad L. Begley at (619) 524-4128.

USMC Motor Transport Association Reunion

The USMC Motor Transport Association is scheduled to hold its 10th Annual Meeting and Reunion, Sept. 17 to 20 in San Antonio.

Contact Terry Hightower at (910) 450-1841 or e-mail him at usmcmta@charterinternet.com for more information or to reserve your place.

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Front Row: Barbers Humberto Ortiz, Andy Cesarini, Mario A. Busalacchi and Leonardo Herrera, were recognized for nearly 150 collective years of service May 4 by (back row, left to right) Lt. Col. Charles E. Owens, Lt. Col. Daniel J. Wawrzyniak, Commanding General Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and Western Recruiting Region, Sgt. Maj. Bobby B. Woods, Sergeant Major MCRD and WRR, and Sgt. Maj. Terry T. Hoskins. Pic. Charlie Chavez/Chevron

Mock trial followed by multi-retirement ceremony

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
Chevron staff

Lance Cpl. Smith, the accuser, sat in the witness' seat under direct examination by Capt. Nickolas L. Gannon, legal assistance attorney for Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center 29 Palms, Calif., at the depot Legal Services Center courtroom May 18.

Smith claimed two corporals in charge of his unit, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, had hazed and mistreated him and his roommate Lance Cpl. James on several occasions in 2004.

Though he admitted to disobeying several direct orders from his superiors and dereliction of duty, neglecting at least three of his General Orders while on post, Smith accused the corporals of assaulting him with a broomstick after making him do a humiliating dance with Lance Cpl. James in front of his fellow platoon mates.

The corporals, Cpl. Fillet, assistant squad leader and corporal of the guard, and Cpl. Ryman, squad leader and sergeant of the guard, both highly decorated Marines with combat experience, claimed they only performed remediation drills on Smith and James because of poor job performance. They testified that Smith and James danced willingly in front of their fellow Marines and did not seem embarrassed about it at all.

"He made you take your clothes off and dance the hokey pokey?" Gannon asked Smith.

"Yes sir. He made me do the hokey pokey sir," said Smith shamefully.

"And did you turn yourself about?" said Gannon.

The courtroom burst into laughter. This fictionalized portrayal of a real court-martial was part of the 2006 West Coast Trial Advocacy Training at the

depot Legal Services Center May 15-19.

The mock trial was a week-long program designed to give military and civilian lawyers an opportunity to try a case and receive feedback on their performances from instructors, jury members, judges and peers.

"It kind of drops you into a full blown trial. It's a lot of thinking on your feet, not knowing what responses are going to be. It helps you hone some quick thinking skills," said 1st Lt. Ronald J. Campione, a reservist from Brooklyn, New York.

Whether they are newly commissioned or courtroom veterans, the program is designed to hone trial skills and build confidence in trial advocates, according to Chief Defense Counsel of the Marine Corps Col. Carol K. Joyce.

Weeks prior to the annual training, litigators received a package with information of the witness' testimony and case facts. During the program, each lawyer took his turn at opening statements, direct and cross examination of witnesses, closing arguments and Voir Dire (the selection of unbiased jury members to hear testimony).

Each exercise was video taped to show individual presentation weaknesses including stuttering, excessive gestures and unorganized questions. Instructors critiqued the performance in the classroom, to show all students common mistakes, and again with each student individually for a more concentrated discussion.

"Watching a lecture and hearing other people talk about standing in court is helpful," said Navy Lt. j.g. Emily Vandergrift, Naval Legal Services Southwest, Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif. "When you're involved in the case and the facts, you don't really realize what you're missing."

From the training, Vandergrift said

she learned to be more aggressive in developing a theme with her cases, using direct and cross examination for support. Tying testimony together into one cohesive story and keeping that throughout the entire trial is difficult, she said.

This annual training is taught by Joyce's Regional Defense Counsels and their reservist counterparts. Vandergrift was grateful for the unique perspective provided by reserve instructors that not only tried military cases but held professions in law in the civilian community.

"The accumulation of the reservists' background, experience and knowledge is what makes this program successful," said Joyce who oversaw the advocate's training program on behalf of Brig. Gen. Kevin M. Sandkuhler, staff judge advocate to the commandant of the Marine Corps.

Colonel John B. Atkinson, deputy chief defense counsel of the Marine Corps, took pride in instructing the course for his final time. He said he found honor in working with younger judge advocates and was glad to be a part of a program that helped teach and train them to be better.

Concluding the depot's trial advocacy program, three of the reserve instructors retired in a ceremony held at the Bayview Restaurant. Colonels Atkinson, Reginald H. Baker and John A. Weil served a collective 92 years in the Marine Corps as friends and retired in the presence of family members, loved ones and pupils.

"These three have made great contributions in many different ways," said Brig. Gen. Sandkuhler at the ceremony. "I cannot emphasize how impressed I am with all three of these individuals. It's my honor to thank theses Marines for their contributions to the Marine Corps over the last 30 years."

Sandkuhler addressed the wives of the colonels, thanking them for their continued support of their husbands, and presenting each with a half dozen red-roses.

Then the colonels took turns addressing the crowd of family, friends and peers. "All three of us have had a good run at the table," said Atkinson. "In leaving today (we) know the tradition will be upheld and we'll be very proud to be retired Marines."

Serving their communities and the Marine Corps for more than 30 years each, the colonels retired amongst a new generation they had a part in training. Their experiences were invaluable to the students during the mock-trial as their critique helped the younger trial advocates polish their litigating skills.

From new attorneys cutting their teeth in the courtroom to the retired Marines who helped them find their ways, the annual training program helped define the skills of the counsel and encourage confidence in themselves and each other.

'Schools have traditions too'

Cap, gown longstanding high school graduation honor

BY JANICE M. HAGAR

Public Affairs deputy director

For the last several years, I've noticed that spring time arrives with a special new twist in the news headlines. Several young new Marines who graduated high school a few months earlier than their fellow classmates come here, go through the rigors of boot camp, walk across the parade deck on graduation day and earn the title "Marine" before they participate in their high school graduation ceremonies. But instead of wearing the traditional caps and gowns, these Marines want to wear their dress blue uniforms to the commencement ceremonies. However, most of the schools say no and then comes the flood of news stories about how Marines are being denied the opportunity to wear their uniforms and that the schools are unpatriotic.

I don't know why this topic comes up every year. A lot of parents and their new Marines feel like the "no uniform" issue is because of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the ongoing War on Terror, but this has been an issue since before 9/11.

I guess I wonder why these new Marines raise the issue of uniforms vice caps and gowns since in boot camp, they received numerous classes regarding customs and courtesies, and history and tradition. The new Marines have learned how important customs and traditions are to the Corps. They have learned the importance of uniformity and how certain occasions call for a specific and appropriate uniform to wear. So why are these Marines demanding to be allowed to wear a uniform to an organization's event

'There will only be one defining moment when you move that tassel from the left side of your cap to the right ...'

— Janice M. Hagar
retired master sergeant

that calls for caps and gowns?

Don't get me wrong. Even though I am a retired Marine, I'm still proud of the Marine Corps uniform. And to all the graduating Marines today, I'm glad you're proud of your uniform, and I hope that pride remains forever. Wear that uniform often when you are home on leave. But if you are going to be participating in your high school graduation ceremony and your school requires the traditional cap and gown, please respect that, and wear that cap and gown with pride. Your school isn't trying to be difficult or unpatriotic. That's the uniform for graduation. On that note, keep in mind that if the school let you wear your uniform, they would have to allow others to wear what they would like. The school wouldn't have a lot of ground to stand on when establishing what can and cannot be worn.

MEMORIAL DAY: BEGINNING

General's order, poems of poppies molded a day of remembrance

BY JOANNA M. McDONALD

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From the word memorial we derive memo, memory, to remember, to preserve knowledge and not allow it to slip away. In the mid-1800s, Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially issued General Order No. 11 May 5, 1868. On May 30th of that same year, the first Memorial Day was observed, though at that time it was referred to as Decoration Day.

In his order, Gen. Logan stated this day was designated for "strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, or hamlet churchyard in the land ... It is the purpose of the commander-in-chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept from year-to-year while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of the departed."

Laying flowers on the graves of our heroes is not just an American tradi-

tion. We can trace this custom back to the Greeks and Romans. The Greeks had rituals called Zoai. If the flowers took root and blossomed at the base of the grave, it signified the soul of the Greek warrior was sending a message that he had found happiness. The Romans set aside an eight-day festival in February for fallen legionaries called Parentalia, which means Day of the Fathers. Violets and roses bejeweled the Roman graves.

Originally, America's Memorial Day was called Decoration Day because organized women's groups had already established a tradition of decorating Civil War soldiers' graves with flowers and banners, especially in the south.

When the United States was thrust into World War I in 1917, young men rushed to the recruiting stations to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps. A year later, the first women answered the call when the Marine Corps began recruiting women for the reserves. Others helped the cause by volunteering at home. On Nov. 9, 1918, just two days before the armistice was signed, Moina Michael, who worked for the Overseas YMCA

War Workers in New York City, picked up a magazine from her desk. She leafed through it and noted the poem "We Shall Not Sleep," by Canadian Dr. John McCrae (the poem was later renamed "In Flanders Field"). Michael re-read the poem, the last verse leaving a lasting impression. "To you from failing hands we throw the Torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields." It was as though the voices which had been silenced by death were calling to her. Michael pledged at that time to keep the faith and was inspired to write a poem of her own entitled "We Shall Keep the Faith."

"We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies."
As a public testament of keeping faith with all who died, she wore a red poppy on Memorial Day and then sold red poppies to friends and co-workers. The money gathered was given to needy servicemen. This custom grew to cover the nation.

Though Michael was not associated with the Marine Corps, her dedication can be an inspiration to us all. The motto of the Corps, Semper Fidelis, can be challenging – especially when "always faithful" means recalling the memory of our fallen friends and family members. The pain will always be with us, but so will the memory of the good times, their humor and their laughter.

As Americans, we accept the Torch and the responsibility to become their voice. We keep the faith, remembering and teaching others about their deeds and actions, passing their names and faces onto the next generation of Torch-bearers – keeping their memory alive. This Memorial Day, with renewed understanding and dedication, let us take seriously our duty to honor our fallen heroes.

For more information, see www.patriotism.org/memorial_day/index.html; The Book of Holidays, by J. Walker McSpadden, Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York, 1958; The Miracle Flower, The Story of the Flanders Fields Memorial Poppy, by Moina Michael, Dorrance and Company, Philadelphia, 1941.

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South Bronx coaches and teammates cheer on the men's team while they go for 100 sit-ups in two minutes.



Jayme Davis, a student at Mar Vista High School, Calif., goes for 60 push-ups at the National Youth Physical Fitness Championship. Davis cranked out 48 push-ups before the final whistle blew.



Sprinting through the finish, Cpl. Ifairi Clarke holds a stop watch and brings in Golden Eagle Tom Demartinis, who ran 250 meters in 53 seconds.

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women competed, the remainder of their teams cheered them on from outside the competing area. The ladies began with sit-ups.

The event was monitored by Marines who were very strict about proper execution. Contenders were required to bring their heads to their knees on the way up and touch the back of their heads to the ground to complete one sit-up. One hundred sit-ups was the max score.

During the push-up portion, Marines placed a closed fist on the ground where the competitors had to touch their chin before they could go back up. After push-ups, they went on to pull-ups and the long jump.

Marcos Marcos, South Bronx High School, New York, a freshman football player, was active in school, but didn't jump on the band wagon right away because of the South Bronx fitness team's mandatory 6 a.m. workouts, which was a little early for him.

Negotiating with the coach by making it to evening workouts, Marcos soon became part of the squad.

After starting on the team, he felt like a part of the crew, said Marcos. Already an avid weightlifter, Marcos didn't have trouble getting into the rhythm of the team.

Marcos' favorite event was the pull-ups. "It was my best event," said Marcos.

Finishing strong with 18 pull-ups, Marcos was still not able to match Miguel Flores, South Bronx High School senior, who successfully completed 30 pull-ups in less than two minutes.

South Bronx High School left with a first place title in both men's and women's categories. A formal dinner was provided at the Officer's Club May 20 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, where athletes were awarded and recognized.

Started in 1966, this annual competition has taken place on installations throughout the United States. Retired Maj. Gen. Walter Churchill introduced the competition to men in the late 1960s. Women started competing in the 1980s. Since then, Marines have encouraged kids involvement in the program, according to Bill Siebel, national chairman and event coordinator.

"This event is a very positive program for the kids," said Siebel. "It defeats obesity, which is a big problem in America, encourages physical activity and it detours kids from drugs and alcohol."

YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS



Jessica Foley makes a 6-foot-7-inch standing jump during the National Youth Physical Fitness Championship. Lance Cpl. Dorian Gardner/Chevron photos



With Marines to motivate him, Cairon Charles finished the push-up portion of the competition to achieve 60 push-ups for his team.



In between stations, South Bronx High School takes some time to hydrate before moving on to the next event.



At the end of the competition, Miguel Flores embraced him team mate under the medical tent during recovery time.

Kilo’s ‘Sinatra’ adds structure to life

RECRUIT SPOTLIGHT

BY LANCE CPL. KAITLYN M. SCARBORO
Chevron staff



Pvt. Jason H. Williams, Platoon 3090, Company K, sang Frank Sinatra songs for his company commanding officer during recruit training. Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron photos

When he took the stage, fans cheering his name, his mother was proud of his Frank Sinatra impersonations, but it was not the same pride she felt when he told her he wanted to turn his life around and join the Marine Corps.

He was good, his mother, Deb Palmer, admitted, but lounge-singing wasn't a life-skill that would pay the bills.

Palmer hadn't expected to find out her son was a good lounge-singer and neither had his drill instructors.

Without skipping a beat from his lounge-singing days, 24-year-old Pvt. Jason H. Williams, Platoon 3090, Company K, entertained his drill instructors with Sinatra songs and Johnny Cash's "Ghost Riders in the Sky," standing at the position of attention, his right shoulder slightly cocked forward, his heel tapping out the beat. One drill instructor shakes his head, another faces away to hide his smile and muffle his laughter.

"I bet he's the only recruit in the whole company to sing all cycle (long)," said Staff Sgt. Manuel Bermudez, a Company M series chief, who enjoyed Williams' singing while they worked in the company's office.

Before recruit training, Williams, a St. Louis native, lived his life from job-to-job, house-to-house, burning bridges where he could never hope to rebuild them, until one day he decided he needed structure in his life that only the military could provide him.

Through childhood troubles, Williams grew very close to his mother and grandparents, who raised him when his father left.

When his mother remarried, William's stepfather had difficulty finding a similar interest with his new son. Pat Palmer was a sports fan and the fact that Williams didn't even know how to throw a baseball was disheartening, at first.

Williams, raised by his grandparents for half of his life, was an impulsive jokester with a huge interest in reading, according to Robert E. Pennell, his grandfather. He had never learned to appreciate sports the way his stepfather had.

Eventually, Palmer found a way to connect to Williams and soon became one of his biggest role models.

"My stepdad was there all the time. He taught me to fish and build things – all the stuff a father's supposed to do," said Williams.

As their bond grew, Williams graduated high school and began his study to become a history professor.

After three semesters of less-than-acceptable attendance, his grandfather refused to continue paying for his educa-

tion, and Williams had to cancel his college enrollment and find a job.

"I disciplined him just like I did with my own children. He was a handful at times," said Pennell.

Despite losing his opportunity to get a college degree, Pennell knew Williams would still lead a prosperous life. "There are a lot of ways to be successful in life," Pennell told his grandson. "Getting a college degree is a way to get your foot in the door, but beyond that it doesn't amount to anything. It's what you do in your assigned job that makes you successful."

A retired chemist, Williams always held great respect for his grandfather's level of education. Pennell was an inspiration to his grandson's education as well as a big influence on his choice to change his life, according to Williams.

Williams continued on a jumbled road with an unclear destination. Trying to make enough money to support himself, Williams worked in several different places from the time he quit school until joining the Marine Corps.

Though he said his favorite job was managing a local Jiffy-Lube, Williams enjoyed the time he spent working in a lumber yard, taking care of dietary needs at different nursing homes and fixing cars at a dealership. He would occasionally sing at night clubs and finally, before leaving for boot camp, he worked as a chef at a local barbecue restaurant.

"I had friends in the Marine Corps and I asked them what they thought about it. They said it was indeed a life-changing experience, and I thought that was what I needed," said Williams, a motor transportation Marine. "I'll have a job and a purpose, and I'll make my momma proud."

Williams believes that after overcoming so many different problems, his life experiences made it much easier for him to accept and deal with the challenges of boot camp.

When he told his family of his choice to join the Marine Corps, they were excited for him to get the opportunity he needed to take charge of his life through self-confidence and structure.

"When he brought it up, I thought I would be more terrified, but I looked at it like he was finding a life line," said his mom, Deb Palmer. "It's given him the foundation to go out and improve his life."

"We learned to do things we were good at together," said Mr. Palmer. "Jason evidently has found his niche now. We're really proud of him."

Using the building skills his stepfather taught him, the love of reading that his grandparents instilled in him and his personal desire to make his mother proud, Williams has begun his path to becoming a confident, self-reliant, United States Marine.



Dr. Charles B. Reed

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Doctor Charles B. Reed has served since March 1998 as the chancellor of the California State University, the largest four-year university system in the United States. As the system's chief executive officer, he oversees more than 44,000 faculty and staff and approximately 405,000 students on 23 campuses. Reed was born on Sept. 29, 1941, in Harrisburg, Pa. After graduation from high school, he began his professional education at George Washington University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education, Master of Science degree in secondary education, and a Doctor of Education degree. He served on the

staff at George Washington University as an assistant professor and associate professor of education. Reed continued his career by serving in the Florida Department of Education. This led him to the executive office of the Governor of Florida, where he served in many positions, ultimately serving as the chief of staff to the Governor of Florida. Reed's professional career continued as the chancellor of the State University System of Florida, a position he held for 13 years prior to joining the California State University.

Reed is dedicated to the mission of the California State University, which is to provide California's students with access to a high-quality, affordable college education. His priority issues include improving access to the California State University, building excellence in aca-

ademic programs, strengthening teacher preparation, creating stronger partnerships with K-12 schools and preparing students for the workforce of the future.

Reed also works with many national organizations and advisory boards to build collaborative efforts between higher education and other segments of the community. He currently serves on several national boards, including the ACT, the National Center for Educational Accountability and the National Business-Higher Education Forum.

Reed has received numerous awards and honors including induction into the George Washington University Football Hall of Fame, the Orlando Sentinel Floridian of the Year award for 1990, the Southern Regional Education Board's Lamar R. Plunkett Award and numerous honorary degrees and additional awards.

Platoon 3087	Platoon 3091	Platoon 3085	Platoon 3086	Platoon 3089	Platoon 3090	Platoon 3087	Platoon 3085
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KILO COMPANY



Company K's graduates practice marching and rifle manual before the company's final drill inspection, which is the last competition before graduation. Lance Cpl. Kaitlyn M. Scarboro/Chevron

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Lt. F. P. Munoz
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Holding trophies, first place winners Octabio F. Echevarria, Lionel Mark, Luis Torre and Phil Archuleta are congratulated by Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., commanding general, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, right, and Sgt. Maj. Bobby B. Woods, sergeant major, MCRD and WRR, left, after being presented with trophies. Pfc. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos

Depot staff tees off for annual MCCS golf tourney

BY PFC. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

The Marine Corps Community Services' Annual Spring Golf tournament concluded at the Riverwalk Golf Course in San Diego, May 23.

Depot Marines, Coast Guardsmen, civilians and sailors played 18 holes on two-of-three 9-hole courses in teams of four, using a "Best Ball" format for prizes and trophies.

Placing first in the tournament were two civilians working in the depot clothing warehouses; golfers, Octabio F. Echevarria and Lionel Mark. Their teammates were Luis Torre and friend Phil Archuleta.

"It was great. This is the third year in a row that we have played," said Echevarria. "I play at quite a few tournaments, and this is the best one in San Diego for the money."

Second place was taken by Rob Young, John Wood, Ron Burns and Andy Jones.

MCCS and sponsors provided golfers with beverages, food and free items at select holes, adding to the

prestige of the tournament.

The golf tournament collected \$11,000 to be donated to the Marine Corps ball fundraising. The amount rose significantly from the \$8,000 MCCS personnel collected last year, said Sean W. McHenry, MCCS marketing manager.

The course was full of fountains, small ponds, maintained grass and an array of colorful scenery, which made the day enjoyable for the players and their day out of the office.

"It was a beautiful course, but the wind in Mission Valley made it kind of tough," said Capt. William R. Schmidt, depot player. "This is my second year playing and the sponsorship is awesome. The event is just professional and enjoyable to play."

Finishing the day, MCCS personnel awarded prizes from raffles, course challenges and games to players. Commanding General Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Western Recruiting Region, addressed the crowd and handed out trophies for first, second and third place.

Sgt. Maj. Bobby B. Woods, sergeant major, Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego and the Western Recruiting Region, watches a long drive sail into the distance.



Depot and Western Recruiting Region's Commanding General Brig. Gen. John M. Paxton Jr. surveys the field after sending a second shot down the green towards the hole.